CORACIAS AFRICANA.

Character Genericus.

Roſtrum cultratum apice incurvato, baſi pennis denudatum.

Lingua cartilaginea, bifida.

Pedes ambulatorii.

Lin. Syſt. Nat. p. 159.

Character Specificus, &c.

CORACIAS ferruginea, ſubtus cæruleo-purpurea, remigibus cyaneis, rectricibus thalaſſinis apice cyaneo-nigricantibus.

Coracias Afra. C. teſtaceo-rubra, ſubtus purpureo-rubeſcens, criſſo cæruleo-viridi, remigibus rectricibuſque cæruleis, apice nigricantibus.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 172.

Africana eſſe creditur rariſſima avis, cujus veram magnitudinem tertia parte deminutam in tabula depinximus. Facie ſeu habitu generali, cum roſtrum ſit latiſſimum, breve, et validum, ſimillima eſt Coraciæ tum Madagaſcarienſi tum Orientali, a quibus tamen diſcrepat coloribus. In Muſeo Britannico aſſervatur ſpecimen unde iconem hanc noſtram delineari curavimus.

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AFRICAN ROLLER.

Generic Character.

Bill ſtrait, bending a little towards the end; cultrated at the edges.
Noſtrils narrow; naked.
Legs generally ſhort: toes divided to their origin; three forwards and one backwards.

Specific Character, &c.

Ferruginous ROLLER, lilac-coloured beneath; with blue wing-feathers and ſea-green tail tipped with black.

AFRICAN ROLLER.

Lath. ſyn. ſuppl. p. 86.

This extremely rare bird is ſuppoſed to be a native of Africa, and is preſerved in the Britiſh Muſeum. It is nearly allied to the Oriental and Madagaſcar Rollers, having a remarkably broad, ſhort, and ſtrong beak; but differs in color from both thoſe birds. The plate repreſents it about a third leſs than the natural ſize.